Taxpayer Suit

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PHILADELPHIA—A Federal Appeals Court has agreed to study a taxpayers suit that challenges the constitutionality of the Central Intelligence Agency's secret bookkeeping practices.

William B. Richardson of Greensburg, Pa., is appealing the rejection of his suit by the U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh. He bases his contention on a portion of Article 1 of the Constitution that requires that "regular statement and account of the receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time."

Richardson, who is not an attorney, argued his own case and won praise from the three-judge panel for his handling of the argument.